

REMARKS

The Claims in the application are 17-21, 24-40. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 20, 21, 34 and 37-39 contain allowable subject matter. It is noted that the Examiner has listed Claim 40 as pending but failed to discuss Claim 40 in the rejections or list Claim 40 in the allowable subject matter section of the Office Action. However, since Claim 40 depends from Claim 17, a rejected claim, the Applicants have cancelled Claim 40 so as to expedite allowance of all claims containing allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, Claims 17-19, 24-33, 35-36 and 40 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of Claims 17-19, 24-33, 35-36 and 40 in a continuation or continuation-in-part application at a future time.

Since no further rejections remain, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 20, 21, 34 and 37-39 are in condition for allowance and such early favorable action is earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions.

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed June 16, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing on or before September 18, 2006, since September 16, 2006 falls on a Saturday. 35 U.S.C. §21(b); 37 CFR 1.7, 1.8, 1.17 and 1.136.

It is not believed that this response occasions a fee, but should there be a fee, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 04-1121.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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